

MAYOR AND COUNCIL STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA SUBCOMMITTEE
RIO NUEVO/DOWNTOWN, ARTS, CULTURE AND HISTORY
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY
June 29, 2006

Council Member Trasoff called the Subcommittee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Rio Nuevo Community Meeting Room, 52 W. Congress, 2nd Floor, Tucson, Arizona.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Nina Trasoff, Subcommittee Chair, Ward 6
Council Member Jose Ibarra, Ward 1

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Vice Mayor Steve Leal, Ward 5

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: Greg Shelko, Rio Nuevo Director

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<p>1. Call to Order</p> <p>Chair Trasoff called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.</p>	
<p>2. Downtown Links Update</p> <p>Jim Glock, City of Tucson Transportation Director provided an update on this project to complete the final downtown segment of the Barraza-Aviation Parkway.</p> <p>The project is included in Regional Transportation Authority's Plan as a four-lane roadway. However, some of the project's advisory committee members are requesting two lanes. Although the project isn't scheduled for construction soon, the motivation to resolve the issue is that some Warehouse Arts District buildings remain in jeopardy.</p> <p>Mr. Glock said he would continue work with the project's advisory committee on getting the matter resolved and at Council Member Ibarra's request, continue meaningful dialogue with neighborhood residents.</p> <p>Chair Trasoff asked him to return with another update the first meeting in August.</p>	<p>Transportation Director is advised.</p>
<p>3. Presentation of Mercado District Building Designs</p> <p>Adam Weinstein - Monier Brickyard Group, Tom Wuelpern - Street Scene Development, Dante Archangeli - Milestone Homes and independent builder Barry Coleman presented their designs for this unique 14-acre residential and commercial project. The homes and commercial buildings will be built from adobe, brick, rammed earth, and other types of innovative and sustainable materials. Their designs</p>	

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seek to reflect Tucson's past and will include Sonoran row houses, Spanish Colonial homes and even a railroad warehouse-style live/work loft. Rio Development is building the Monier Brickyard Building. Houses will range from 1,200 to 2,000 square feet. Prices for these homes will start at \$375,000. Community Services is building two affordable housing units for rental.	
4. Call to the Audience Michael Toney expressed his views on Presidio Terrace, the University of Arizona Science Center, Proposition 400, equestrian trails, and other topics.	
5. Future Agenda Items Chair Trasoff requested an update on the Franklin Block at the next meeting.	Rio Nuevo Director is advised
6. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.	